Abstract  It’s been exactly two years since passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The historic, bipartisan law invests $1.2 trillion in our nation’s roads, bridges, water systems, freight network, and more. Hear from Marsia Geldert-Murphey, President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, on the status of IIJA implementation and how the bill is impacting the civil engineering profession. She will overview progress to date, major infrastructure investments in New York and nationwide, and where improvements can still be made. She’ll also provide details on how decisionmakers are looking to the civil engineering profession to rebuild our legacy infrastructure based on the latest codes and standards. Attendees will leave this session understanding the policy landscape that shapes the civil engineering profession and how young professionals can get involved to make sure their voices are represented when legislators make decisions that will impact our built environment for decades to come.

Biography: Specializing in transportation and geotechnical engineering, Geldert-Murphey currently works for the Lochmueller Group, a Midwestern consulting firm, where she is the regional director for the states of Missouri and Illinois. She has three decades of experience in civil engineering and construction.

An ASCE member since 1990, Geldert-Murphey is the former chair of the Public Policy and Practice Committee. She served on the ASCE Board of Direction from 2016-2019 as the Region 7 director. Her extensive ASCE activities include service on several Society-level committees such as program and finance, leader training, and diversity and women, as well as serving as a mentor. She also led the St. Louis Section as president in 2006.